(c) which are the villages selected for drilling wells in Cauvery basin in the coming years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1st Juy, 1967, the recoverable reserves of crude oil and j; as in the basin have been estimated at 0. 64 million tonnes and 503 million cubic metres respectively.

(c) The places/prospect are as under:

Kodiyakkari
Kamalapuram
Narimanam
Kottarakudi
Kovilkalappal
Thiruvarur
Peruvalandan
Madanam
Raghunathapuram
Bhuvanagiri
Adhiyakkamangalam
Ramnad
Nayanarkoil
Nanjalur
Komarakshi
Uchipulli
Thirukkadaiyur

Jamne Orchocha Power Stations

3442. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey about construction of Jamne Orchcha Hydro-Electric Power Station at Orchcha in the Tikamgarh district of M. P. has been completed;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the proposed power station; and

(c) whether an$_v$ time schedule has been fixed for the completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Project Report for Orchcha Multipurpose Project in Tikamgarh district of Madhya Pradesh with an installed capacity of 90 MW was received in Central Water Commission/ Central Electricity Authority in 1978. The estimated cost of the power component of the Project was Rs. 48. 3 crores. The project report was examined and comments on power aspects were sent to the prooject authorities in 1979 for clarifications/ comments. Subsequently, the project Authorities in Madhya Pradesh were again requested to revise the Project Report after taking into account the comments of CEA/CWC. The Project Authorities have not submitted a revised Report, and as such, time schedule fo$_r$ completion has not been fixed.

Research and Development effort of BHEL

3443. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that R. and D. effort of BHEL is so inadequate that certain collaborations with for eign countries for import of techno logies made more than a decade ago had to be renewed because the R&D Wing failed to develop a similar front line technology or even to absorb the imported technology;

(b) if so, what steps ate being 'taken to augment the R&D effort; and

(c) what percentage of the BHEL budget is spent on R&D and how does it compare with the percentage spent by the units of. similar size in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (. and (b) R&D ffort in BHEL has esulted in successful l commercial, develop-